

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION
Work Session Notes
Ammended**

Wednesday, September 20, 2000
6:00 – 9:00 PM

Clark County Public Works Department
Conference Room
4700 NE 78th Street
Vancouver, Washington

Commission Members Present

Robert Agard, Willie Bourlet, Dana Kemper, Susan Rasmussen
Don Steinke, Art Stubbs, and Peter Tuck

Commission Members Absent

Cal Ek and Mary Martin

County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Cindy Meats, and Earl Rowell

Public

Jay Harrison, William Kravas, and Thom McConathy

Introduction/call to order

The members of the Clean Water Commission, Clark County staff, and the public were introduced. Mr. Agard, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Agenda and Material review

Mr. Rowell reviewed the material for the meeting.

Included are:

1. Correspondence from citizens;
2. Updated schedule;
3. Amended meeting notes from 8/16/00;
4. Meeting notes from 9/6/00;
5. Funding options; and
6. Budget material.

Subcommittee Information:

7. Science and Education information; and
8. Incentives information.

Updates/Communications from the public/media/agencies:

Mr. Rowell: County staff attended two meetings, one with the Homebuilders Association and the other with Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association. They talked to 120 homebuilders and 50 business associates about best management practices, the clean water program, and the storm water program.

Mr. Rowell: County Staff also met with Educational Service District #112 and Vancouver School District maintenance and custodial staff to talk about best management practices, and keeping chemicals out of the surface water and from running into creeks, rivers, and streams.

Mr. Bourlet: Will your staff be meeting with Clark County Public Works maintenance and operation staff regarding best management practices?

Mr. Rowell: Yes, Public staff has and will continue to receive training.

Communications from the public:

Mr. Rowell: In the packet is a letter, from Mr. Webberly, regarding the clean water program that was sent directly to the Treasurer's office.

Clean water fee update:

Mr. Rowell updated the commissioners on the clean water fee. Four appeals have been filed to go before a hearing examiner:

1. Nancy Bjornsen;
2. Eastridge Business Park/Loyda Timmons;
3. William Kravas;
4. Vanalco/Larry McClellan.

These hearings are tentatively being scheduled for late October.

Communications from the Commissioners

Mr. Agard met with the South West Regional FFA instructors who seemed interested in participating in a water-testing program for the county clean water program.

Mr. Stubbs talked about his experience accompanying one of the code enforcement workers on site visits.

Notes:

September 6, meeting notes were approved as submitted.

Public Input:

Jay Harrison made a presentation to the committee regarding his product Tanker Chief.

Mr. Kravas expressed his concern over the clean water fee being labeled a fee and not a tax.

Mr. McConathy wanted to know why enforcement and maintenance & operations were budgeted for a decrease in 2001, as money from both resources will be needed to implement the new Puget Sound Plan? He also inquired as to why \$5,000 dollars was budgeted for chemical weed control?

Mr. Rowell remarked that adjustments were needed regarding the budget and he would review those specific areas and report back to Mr. McConathy and the Commissioners.

Subcommittees:

The commissioners separated into two subcommittees for the next part of the meeting:

1. Science & Education

Committee members: Robert Agard, Susan Rasmussen, and Don Steinke;

Staff: Kelli Frost, and Cindy Meats;

Guest: Thom McConathy.

Potential action items:

- a) Adult/community based education and outreach.
 - 1. Volunteer monitoring.
- b) School/student based education and outreach.
 - 1. Teaching the Residential BMP manual to junior high students.
 - 2. Student videos/Poster contests.
 - 3. Student monitoring.
- c) Watershed Steward activities.
- d) River Rangers outreach.
- e) NPDES Education credit for schools.

2. Incentives program

Committee members: Willie Bourlet, Dana Kemper, Art Stubbs, and Peter Tuck;

Staff: Earl Rowell;

Guests: Jay Harrison and Bill Kravas.

Potential action items:

- a) An incentive plan must be put into place.
 - 1. Incentives should be based on the following:
 - 25% water quantity;
 - 25% water quality (treatment);
 - 25% maintenance (street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, swale mowing, etc.);
 - 25% reporting (from the owner/manager of property to Clark County officials).
- b) Outside money is necessary to help implement an incentive plan.
- c) There should be a benchmark that fees will not go below.
 - 1. The absolute minimum necessary to operate the CWP is \$20.00 per account.
 - 2. Unless BMP's are in place one's fee may go up.
 - 3. Transfer the cost of implementing the CWP to those not following the stormwater/water quality codes.
- d) Businesses with no revenue should receive a break in the fee, provided they follow BMP's.

Budget review – all commissioners:

Overall \$3.7 million dollars has been received from the clean water fee, of which, \$1.7 million dollars is derived from the road fund. Additional funds will be received, with details provided at a later date.

The delinquency rate is running at about \$800,000 dollars or 30% per cent.

The commissioners reviewed the budget in greater detail concentrating on Education and Enforcement.

Adjourn:

Mr. Agard, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Kelli Frost*

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